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Wild dogs menace deer in Carnarvon

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

A trio of wild dogs has been repeatedly sighted in the Carnarvon area, harassing, killing and eating deer along the way.

All winter long, sightings have been reported north of Carnarvon along the Highway 35 corridor as

well as Highway 118 east of the crossroads. The numerous reports describe the large animals as two black dogs and a brown, short-haired terrier-like dog with an orange or red collar. The latter could be the very same dog, reported in last week's *Times*, that was seen eating a deer alive on Highway 118 by Marylou

Packard.

Another resident of Stanhope, Ralph Johnson, has also seen the dogs. Reporting yet another gruesome scene, Johnson says he found the dogs mauling a deer while it was still alive near his property on Peterson Road.

Johnson's report confirms what others have described: two big

black dogs and one brownish dog with a collar.

"I saw them across from my property eating a deer," he says about the incident that happened almost a month ago. "I drove up to them and saw that, the same as was in the paper last week, the deer was still alive. They had

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La Reine reigns

La Reine du Carnaval (Carnival Queen) Meaghan Morrison, a Grade 4 student at Lindsay's Leslie Frost Public School, chats with French monitor Marie Christine Fortin during the Carnaval de Trillium Lakelands at the Minden community centre Tuesday. More photos page 2.

Just what is a councillor's pecuniary interest anyway?

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Today at three o'clock, Minden Hills councillors will once again debate a draft bylaw governing the operation of gravel pits and quarries.

Three weeks ago at a committee of the whole meeting, Councillor Ingram Wessell, who owns a gravel pit in Lutterworth, spoke out against the bylaw, saying its rules were too onerous. He did not declare a pecuniary inter-

est.

After the meeting, Wessell said he would declare an interest at today's meeting, although he said he wanted his points about the bylaw to be heard.

Just what is this thing called a pecuniary interest? And what are the risks of ignoring it at a council meeting?

For the municipal politics novice, the strange ritual of declaring pecuniary interests at council meetings is but a rare formality. But there is reason to the

rule: the Ontario Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

Not surprisingly, the act, passed into law in 1972 and revised in 1982 and 1990, is a collection of legal mumbo-jumbo meant most definitely for lawyers.

However, with the help of a municipal advisor, the act does provide clarity as to what a conflict of interest is, how members of council are to avoid them, and what the public can do if a mem-

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Gull and Burnt Rivers could flood

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

It is not uncommon for rivers to rise in the spring, carrying with them the melted snow of yet another winter season having come to pass. But this year, with the amount of snow still lingering in the Highlands, a Trent Severn Waterways water control engineer says the potential for real flooding is quite high.

"Flooding is a possibility any time," says the TSW's Dave Ness. "It's just a question of what sort of intensity of rainfall you expect."

In particular, says Ness, the Burnt River is always vulnerable to heavy rains and snow run off. This year in particular.

"With the amount of snow that we have lying around Haliburton right now, the potential is fairly good for flooding," he says.

If only she would cooperate, Mother Nature does have a role to play beyond bringing the snow and rain. Consistent, seasonally normal weather patterns as well as normal precipitation patterns are key to keeping spring water levels at bay on the rivers.

"The time when flooding becomes most critical is when we get a heavy intensity of rainfall," says Ness. "When you start getting up to six inches of rain in one month, that's a problem. To get smaller doses of rain more often rather than one big dose of rain

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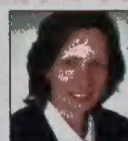
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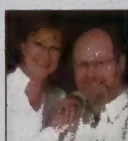
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A celebration of French

Left: Tara Nagel, 2 1/2, tries to borrow the wand belonging to Reine du Carnaval Meaghan Morrison at the Minden community centre Tuesday. The Carnival brings together Grade 4 students from French immersion programs across the board for traditional games, entertainment and food. Above: Kathleen Tedford of J.D. Hodgson E.S. does the actions during a sing-along. Below: Alanna Crawford from Monck Public School in Bracebridge takes her skates off before taking part in a gift exchange ceremony at the end of the day.

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Weather gods read the *Times*

Sap starts to flow after newspaper criticizes spring's slow start

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

It appears as though Mother Nature herself has a subscription to the *Times* and last week, when we printed a story accusing her of being slow with the coming of spring, she realized we meant business.

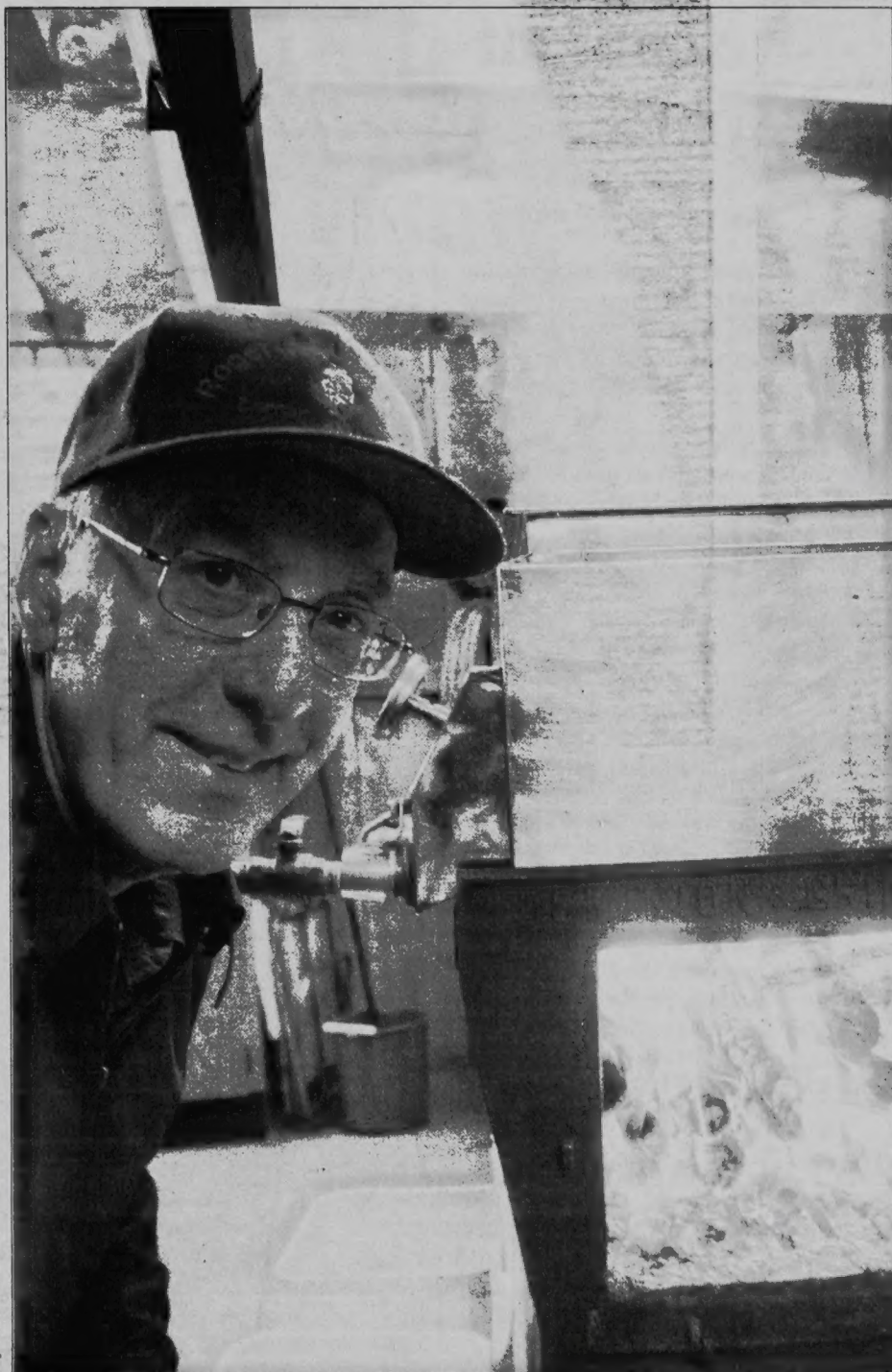
The past week has seen a flurry of maple sap runs that have kept producers up day and night boiling frantically to process the maple tree's sweet nectar.

"I'm just about dead," says Neil Campbell via cellphone from his sugar shack where he is being held prisoner by the running of the sap. "I've had seven hours sleep over the last four and a half days. Today would be the biggest run I've ever had if I can ever get to it all."

Roger Hutchinson of Roger's Sugar Shack also says he's been missing some conventional sleep.

"I try to catch a catnap at lunch if nobody [such as a nosy reporter] bothers me," he laughs. "My wife watches the sugar shack while I get some rest. We have a couple of nights, though, that were well after midnight."

Since last Thursday, maple syrup-ers have been reporting good to excellent runs of sap every day. Both Hutchinson and Campbell have reported good runs every day following the *Times* article that warned the maple syrup season was slow to start.



A flurry of maple sap runs during the past week has meant keeping the fires stoked at Roger's Sugar House to boil the massive influx of sap. Roger Hutchinson and his wife Elizabeth have been working steady around their evaporator to process the syrup for sale.

"You should assign Bryn to do a story about this every spring," Campbell suggested to Martha Perkins, editor of the *Times*.

"Ever since that article, I've had five days of good to excellent runs."

It may be that this reporter's job is secure for yet another season.

Families can add math to their week

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Math may be as easy as 1,2,3 but for a select group of children and parents who sign up for a family math program, it might even become a little easier.

The Minden family math program, organized by Ontario Early Years Centre, is being held at Archie Stouffer Elementary School between 5 and 7 p.m. every Thursday night for the next six weeks to promote math skills development.

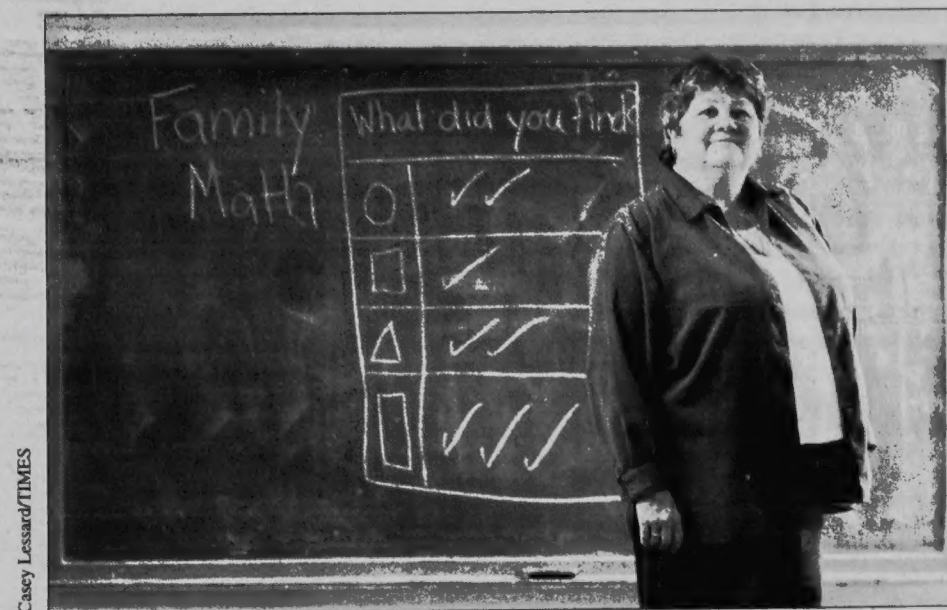
Meant for both parents and children, the math program is, thankfully, not all algorithms and equations.

"The program is for parents and children to enjoy some time together doing simple activities developing math skills," says the program's lead facilitator, Bev Jackson.

Using somewhat unconventional methods, the program will teach math skills using activities, toys, games, songs and stories geared to children 4-6 years old. But parents will learn, too, says Jackson.

"For a lot of parents, they may have forgotten their math skills or maybe math wasn't their favorite subject," she says. "The family math program reintroduces parents to math by showing them fun activities that they can do at home with their children."

The need for the course was not born out of a lack of math in the school's curriculum. On the contrary, both Jackson



Bev Jackson says the family math program is as fun for parents as it is beneficial for students. The free tutorials begin tonight at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

and co-facilitator Jan Bronson agree that math is too important and too commonplace to be taught only in school.

"Math is such an integral part of our day-to-day life," says Jackson. "We are setting our children up for success in math and the weekly program makes math a fun thing."

Bronson adds that traditional understandings of math are limited, and that the family math program is designed to highlight to both the children and parents that math is everywhere.

"A lot of people think of math as 1, 2, 3, 4 or add, subtract, multiple and divide. That is only one very small part of math," says Bronson. "There is math in everything."

The first of the family math nights is tonight (March 30). Designed for children in kindergarten (or those about to begin), the program is free and a light supper will be served before each session. There is also limited childcare available for siblings.

There are still some spaces available. Call Bev Jackson at 286-4625.

Travelling councillor makes top dollar

by ROBERT HUGHES
Special to The Times

Other than an increase in their honorariums, which are similar to salaries, and mileage claims that reflect considerably-increased community business, the Galway-Cavendish and Harvey council remuneration and expense-reimbursement schedules are unchanged from last year.

Councillor-at-large Don LaCombe's \$5,397.30 mileage and expenses figure, the largest of the five, reflects his council representative position on seven organizations, including the Cavendish Community Policing Committee and the boards of directors of the Lakehurst Hall, Cavendish Community Hall and Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

The following are the payments made to each councillor last year. The total for all five members was \$99,144.

Reeve Tom Flynn: \$5,800 for council meetings, \$7,000 honorarium, \$4,330 for other, \$4,013 for mileage and expenses. Total: \$21,123.

Deputy-reeve Madeline Pearson: \$5,227 for council meetings, \$7,000 honorarium, \$1,890 for other, \$2,686 for mileage and expenses. Total: \$16,804.

Councillor-at-Large Don LaCombe: \$6,500 for council meetings, \$7,000 honorarium, \$5,575 for other, \$5,397 for mileage and expenses. Total: \$24,472.

Galway-Cavendish Councillor Guy Scott: \$5,400 for council meetings, \$7,000 honorarium, \$1,740 for other, \$1,426 for mileage and expenses. Total: \$15,566.

Harvey Councillor Bev Matthews: \$6,300 for council meetings, \$7,000 honorarium, \$4,247 for other, \$3,530 for mileage and expenses. Total: \$21,078.

Walrus magazine highlights life of Kinmount doctor

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

First he made the National Film Board documentary. Now he's written a feature in *Walrus* magazine.

For Alastair Brown, Dr. Elena Mihu is a Canadian hero. With little financial incentive or support from the provincial government, she set up a practice in Kinmount. For the first time in six years, residents of the village did not have to travel far from home to receive medical care.

"In many ways," Brown writes in the April edition of *Walrus*, "Dr. Mihu is the doctor all of us would love to have - caring, dedicated and knowledgeable..."

"It is a comfort to know that there are still physicians like Dr. Mihu in Canada, doctors who know us personally and care about our welfare."

The feature is called "The Cost of Care: Unable to meet rising costs, the rural doctor is a vanishing breed."

Snow's high moisture content makes flooding more likely

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all at once is much better."

But far be it for Mother Nature to comply. Already this year, Ness says, we are going to face problems because of the high moisture content of the snow, which is somewhere around 150 centimetres (six inches). "That's a fair bit of water," he says. Add to this the likelihood of heavy rains this spring, and the possibility of unpredictable weather, and flooding become more likely.

"The worst scenario is that you get a reasonably heavy snow pack, coupled with rain and a fast melt. That is what typically sets off the Burnt River and causes flooding," he says. "If you get a week of warm weather where all that snow liquefies within that one week and hits the water course you're going to have some problems," he adds.

However, as almost all waterfront property owners in the county are aware, one owner's peril is another's blessing, especially when it comes to water levels.

Property owners south of Haliburton County want the TSW to drain off as much water as possible to prevent flooding. Here in Haliburton County we want to keep as much water as possible to pre-

pare for the drawdown that occurs as summer heats up.

Ness says that, typically, the operation of the Haliburton reservoirs in the spring is to fill them up. This year, given the excess water expected to hit the rivers, filling up the lakes quickly will not be a problem.

"The feeder lakes have already taken on a bit of water from an inch of rain we had earlier and that hit the water shed pretty good," says Ness. "The Gull and Burnt Rivers came up and that initiated us going out and dropping logs in the dams to catch that melt water and lessen the severity of the flow in the rivers."

For the remainder of the non-boating season, the TSW plans to continue monitoring snow and water levels in the area to get a feel for how much water will hit the rivers and lakes this spring.

Ness says the weekly surveys conducted in Haliburton County will continue into April when the lakes start to open up and it will be business as usual.

Many lake residents will be disheartened to learn that the TSW, as it has done for 100 years, plans to continue to lower the feeder lake levels locally to maintain normal levels in the Trent Severn Waterway.

Witnesses question whether dogs are wolves

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eaten the butt out of it."

Johnson returned to his house to get a gun to put the deer out of its misery and by the time he returned to the scene, the deer was dead and the dogs were gone.

Johnson insists the dogs he saw were not coyotes. Johnson thought that the two black dogs might be wolves but is unsure given the way the black dogs bark and the fact that he understands it is rare for wolves and dogs to socialize.

But at least one individual thinks otherwise.

Dave Cober is a Carnarvon resident who came within 20 feet of the beasts about six weeks ago when they were eating a live deer on the side of Highway 35 and Anglesey Road in broad daylight. He says two of the three dogs may in fact be wolves.

"There were two black ones and one beige and tan dog with a collar," he says. "I wouldn't know if the two black ones were wolves or not, but they didn't look like [domesticated] dogs. They were definitely wild. I would say they were wolves, the two black ones."

In May of last year, Cober saw wolves feeding on a deer in the same spot.

Admittedly, the brown-coloured dog with the orange collar was at one point a

domesticated dog, but because of the orange collar, Cober thinks it was likely a hunting dog that has taken to the wild and joined the wolves for food.

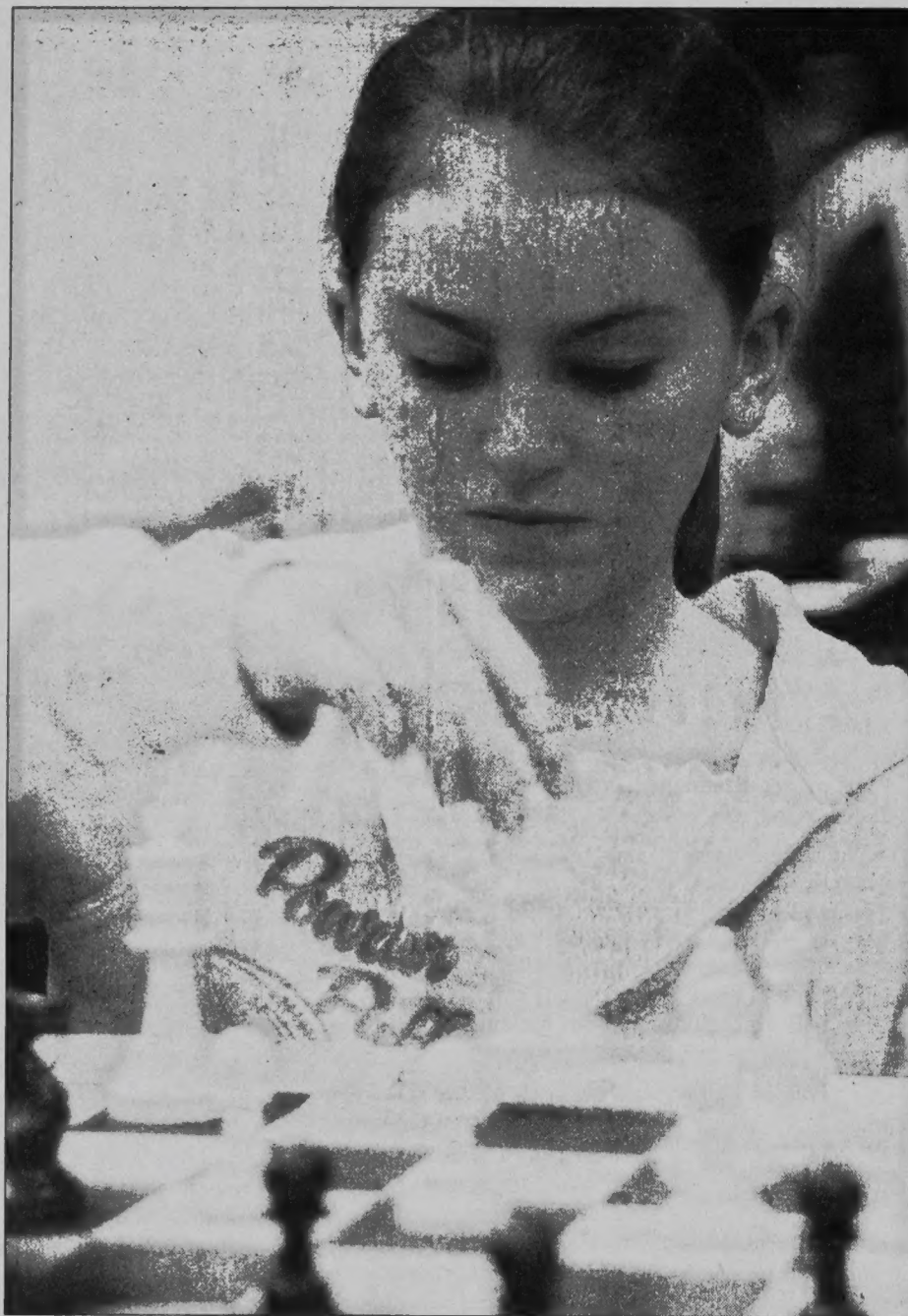
Whatever the species, wild dogs, wolves, or a combination thereof, there remains the question about what, if anything, should be done about them or who should do it.

Mitch O'Grady, a bylaw enforcement officer with Algonquin Highlands, says that there is a municipal bylaw for dogs running at large. The owner, if found, can be charged with a \$125 fine for a first offence. The fine, says O'Grady, can rise to \$5,000 for additional offences that need to be tried in a court of law. Dogs caught running at large without a collar are taken to the pound in Huntsville.

Despite the dog bylaw, however, O'Grady is quick to point out that dogs harassing deer are a Ministry of Natural Resources responsibility and people who witness the latter should call the MNR directly, at 286-1521.

"Why would I go out there with a pen when they [the conservation officers] go out there with a gun," says O'Grady.

Mike Ladouceur of the MNR recently told the *Times* that dogs caught harassing deer outside of deer season could be shot by conservation officers.



Maartha Perkins/TIMES



A study in concentration

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board held its annual chess tournament at the Haliburton Legion and arena last Friday. Students from every elementary school in the district competed, including Mindy Campbell, above, a Grade 6 French Immersion student at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, and Loretta Kerr, a Grade 6 student at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. JDHES ended up with the most points of all the schools.

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Three Graces exhibit reveals a woman's view of 19th Century gentility

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A travelling exhibition from the Varley Gallery,
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by LAURIE CARMOUNT
 Gallery Curator

Classic. This is the best word to describe this exhibition. Like classical music, which has lasted the test of time and will always have a place within our culture, the works presented in this exhibition are the essence of drawing. The academic training, style of fine line, gentle washes and pleasant detail can only bring a feeling of peace to the viewer.

This exhibition is about three women: Charlotte Price, Ann Langton and Catherine Reynolds – the forgotten graces of another era – and their artwork. With their 19th century gentility, these creative women represent a class of society long gone and hardly known.

A cursory examination of the lives of Price, Reynolds and Langton immediately uncovers several commonalities: all three women were born into relative privilege and lived during roughly the same time; none was married and, largely because of her single status, each woman was responsible for caring for her father until death. Moreover, although the extent of each woman's formal art training differs, Price, Reynolds and Langton excelled as sketchers and painters of landscapes, being much influenced by the topographical traditions of their time.

A little more research reveals that each woman also has a Canadian connection. Catherine Reynolds lived most of her life in Amherstburg, Ontario. Charlotte Price may never have visited Canada, but 20 of her

sketchbooks were discovered in a private school near Peterborough by author and researcher Carolyn Gossage. The Lakefield District became the first "backwoods" home to Anne Langton upon her arrival from England.

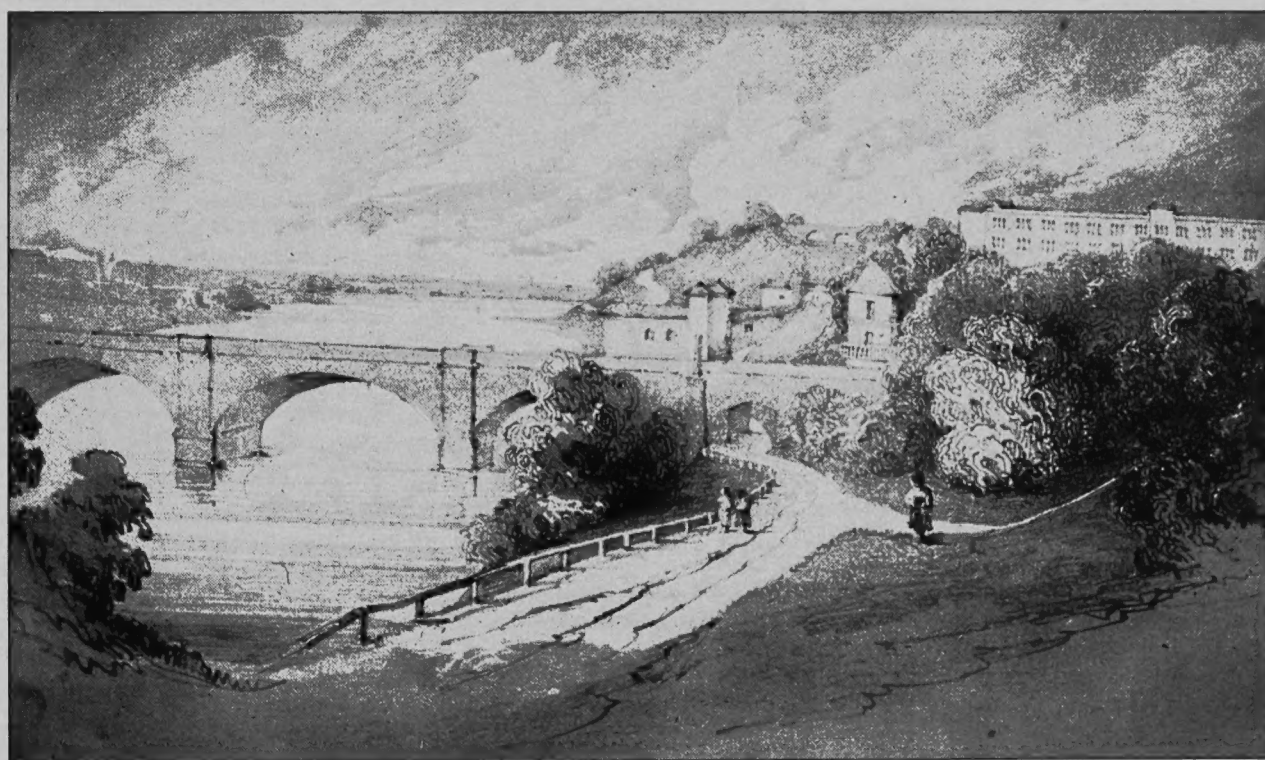
For the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, 3 Graces ties in nicely with the gallery and museum. Women settlers of this area were not as genteel but many similarities still exist. The time of these women's lives directly relates to the museum's collection. Items from the Minden Hills Museum will be on display during the exhibition to give an idea of what Price, Langton and Reynolds would have worn, for example.

A beautifully written book, by Carolyn Gossage, on Charlotte Price will be available in the centre's gift shop. Gossage will be present at the opening reception on Saturday, April 15 at 2 p.m. Please join us for a lovely spring afternoon as a pleasant family outing. Centre members will have a private sneak preview opportunity to view the 3 Graces on Tuesday April 11 at 6 p.m..

A Victorian-style drawing workshop will also be offered May 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. for \$20 per person. This will involve a brief instruction on pen and ink drawing techniques followed by a walk on the Heritage Tour of Minden while sketching heritage buildings. Supplies are included (weather permitting).

The centre will be showing three consecutive National Film Board documentaries on Anna Jameson, Frances Hopkins and Countess of Aberdeen May 18 at 7 p.m.. Please note the lecture series by Racheal Nicolls has been postponed until September.

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery recognizes the sponsorship of the Ontario Arts Council in bringing 3 Grace to Minden. The gallery is located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road. Hours are Wednesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m..



This pencil, pen and ink wash by Charlotte Price will be on exhibit at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.



Staff Sgt. Jim Peterkin arrives in Minden by way of OPP headquarters in Orillia, where he was standards manager and volunteered for several projects such as the winter carnival and Special Olympics.

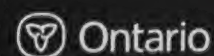
OPP's new commander wants to get involved

by BRYN WEESE
 Times Staff

Jim Peterkin is the new detachment commander of the Haliburton Highlands OPP. Having worked most recently at the OPP headquarters in Orillia, Peterkin is looking forward to getting some detachment commander experience in the field.

Hailing from Wallaceburg in southern Ontario, Peterkin is familiar with areas similar to Haliburton in size and population, and while policing will be his primary duty, he does look forward to getting involved in the community at a social level.

"I think the police are the public and the community and I think it's important to have a strong relationship with the police and the community and to show everyone that we are normal folks just like your neighbour," he says. "I am aware of the issues facing the municipalities and the importance of seeing the police officer, knowing your police officers and putting a face to the name."



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Councillor Wessell at a crossroads

Minden Hills Councillor Ingram Wessell should find himself at a crossroads in today's meeting of council if and when the proposed pits and quarries bylaw is discussed.

To many, Wessell's participation in the discussions three weeks ago did not cause alarm because there is no doubt that his intentions, to protect the small pit and quarry operators from perhaps crippling financial burdens, are sincere. However, there is the small matter of Wessell's financial interests in the industry at large.

He is a successful pit and quarry operator who operates one if not more gravel pits in the township and he therefore stands to lose money should the township pass a bylaw requiring site plans, earth berms, restrictive hours of operation and so on in an effort to ease relations between the township's residents and the gravel pits and quarries, some of which have caused grief in the past.

Admittedly, Wessell believes there should be some restrictions. He has worked hard, albeit for naught, for the cottagers on Gull Lake who have suffered for two summers because of the Levesque Pit on Deep Bay Road.

Unfortunately for Wessell, due process does not allow him to participate in the matter of the bylaw currently before council. He must declare his pecuniary interest and leave the table, if not the room, when the issue is discussed. To ignore the rules and contravene the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act carries stiff penalties, as it should. Intentions be damned, councillors who influence the actions of council on matters that affect their financial interests blur the line between acting for the public good and acting in self-interest and can create mistrust in the public's eye.

Despite Wessell's honest disposition, the public has no guarantees of Wessell's good intentions when his support for "the little guy" also benefits him financially. There can be no exceptions to the rules of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. It is clear and the actions of councillors should be equally so. Pecuniary interests must be declared and councillors must not participate in the discussions or votes thereof, regardless of whether they think council is making a mistake or that they can bring valuable information to the table. It is not allowed. Period.

That said, council is not debating the "pits and quarries operated by Ingram Wessell bylaw," which would be the most direct of pecuniary interests in need of declaration. It could, in fact, be argued that Wessell's pecuniary interest in gravel pits and quarries is shared by other ratepayers (as described in section 4j of the act).

The problem is that, given the small number of pit and quarry operators who are actually ratepayers of Minden Hills (not just operators in the township), Wessell's interest is shared by a very small demographic.

It is not Wessell's intentions, but rather blind due process, which precludes him from participating in the matter of pits and quarries presently before council. Should Wessell again not declare a pecuniary interest in the matter at today's meeting, he may be right in doing so. He certainly has every right not to do so. However, if this matter were ever to appear before a judge as is prescribed in the conflict of interest act, would his actions be condemned by the court? Probably.

- Bryn Weese

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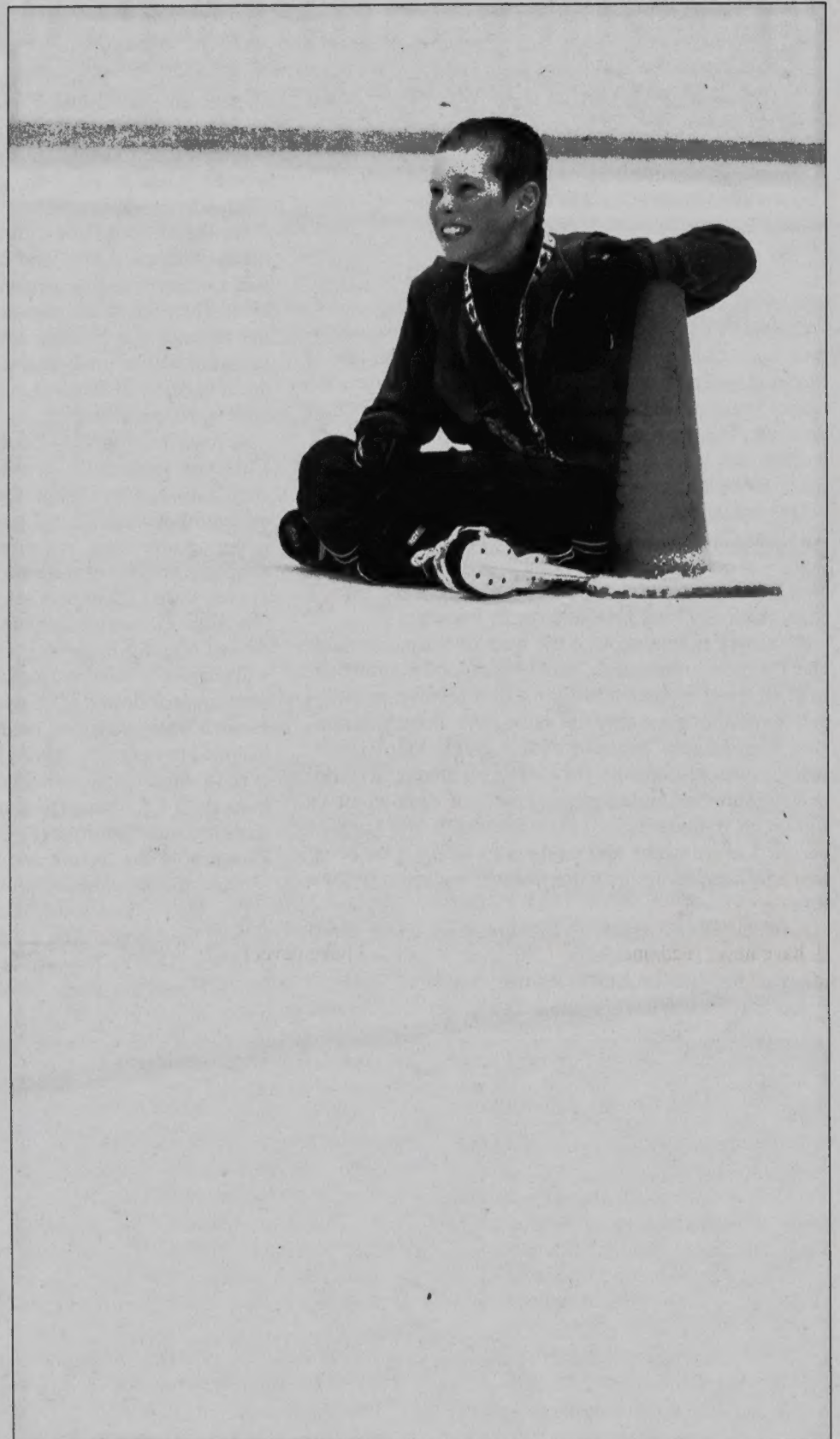
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A late season laugh on the ice

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Reader upset about Times strike comments

To the Editor:

Re: Editorial on college faculty strike, March 16, 2006

Greedy college staff you call us? Did you talk with any of us? Our message has been loud and clear for months now - the current dispute is not about salaries. It is about quality of education. The number of students in the past 15 years has increased 53 per cent and the number of full-time teachers has decreased 22 per cent. It is the management

side of this dispute which has tried to make us seem greedy to disguise what has happened: lecture halls with hundreds of students crammed in; "seminars" with 35 or more students; normal classes with 45, 50 and more. Those things are unheard of here, but are common elsewhere in the province, and it is the government that has made laws which in effect say, "When you're desperate, this is what you have to do."

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Seal of approval

Every now and again the leadership of this country amazes me. In this case, I'm absolutely impressed by the foresight and guts shown by Prime Minister Harper.

He gambled and he won. I mean, it was only last week that Brigitte Bardot wanted to meet with Mr. Harper to discuss the seal hunt. Mr. Harper said no without blinking an eye.

So what happens this week? That's right, Pam Anderson comes knocking on his door, proving, once and for all, that his gamble paid off. Now, instead of the attention of a geriatric sex kitten, he has the undivided interest of a middle-aged one. Way to go Harper! It just shows you what happens when you play hard to get.

If it was me, I'd stop right there. Hey, Pam Anderson is no slouch.

But if I know our PM, he'll probably ignore Anderson, too. Right now he's probably kicking back with the homeys and not even returning her calls. Why, you ask?

I'm guessing it's because he's holding out for Scarlett Johansson, an even younger sex kitten. Who would have thought that our PM was such a player?

Will it work? Who knows. But it's well worth the risk.

Imagine the prestige our country would gain if our PM was linked with a young Hollywood starlet like Johansson. Suddenly we could club seals all day long and Canada would still be cool.

Sure, he runs a huge risk by ignoring Anderson, a noted intellectual. It'd be different if she weren't a deep thinker and one of the greatest minds that this country has ever produced. There's no doubt that we are probably turning our back on all sorts of good advice. Here is a woman who exudes sound judgment, tact, and subtlety.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

But Johansson is hot! So I say go for it. Still, Anderson has several thousand signatures from PETA's online petition. If this doesn't bring our nation to its knees, I don't know what will. Just after reading about their campaigns to end fishing, hunting, as well as dairy and beef farming and the silk-worm trade, I remember thinking, "Well, who wouldn't take PETA seriously?"

But I fear it is worse than that.

If spurned by our nation, Anderson might go so far as to unveil a weapon so fearsome and horrifying that humanity will never be the same again. I'm talking

about another David Hasselhof album. There's no pretending that the possibility doesn't exist either.

Make no mistake; she has it in her power. Combine that with a Baywatch reunion and we're done for.

Look, I'm not saying that the seal hunt is worth the human suffering that this might bring. All I'm saying is that we run a civilized country here and there's no need to go to such drastic measures. I was hoping that my children's generation would be the first to never hear of David Hasselhof.

Even so, no matter where it comes from, debate is a healthy thing. And I suppose if your artificially perfect breasts place you in a position to call upon the highest levels of government, you have a moral obligation to do so.

As for the Maritimers, many of whom depend on the hunt to supplement an already meager income, I believe that they, too, should debate the issue with the world. Maybe they could form an association to counter some of the falsehoods perpetuated by PETA and other groups. All I'm saying is that when dealing with self-righteous celebrities who lie on the ice for photo ops, the seal hunters just might make good use of a club.

Humans for Dummies

It is odd that, once again, I should have been commissioned to write a newspaper column even though I have never read one.

It is not that I couldn't read one; it is just my life is so busy I don't have time for reading.

Besides, what useful information does a newspaper have that I couldn't learn just by sitting out in the driveway for a few minutes and drinking in all of the smells around me?

Neil Campbell, my master, sits reading about bears and deer and moose and he doesn't realize the air is full of news about them.

Sniff all about it, I would like to tell him.

Except I can't tell him that or anything else because then he would realize I can talk and if he found that out, everything between us would change.

Nevertheless, I cancelled several appointments just to make time in my crowded schedule to write this so that my master can stay focused on maple syrup.

I only agreed to do the writing when my master told me the column would appear on the day before the day that is a religious holiday for smooth collies like me.

Only a fool would pass up such an opportunity and dogs are not fools; we only live with them.

I have never read a book either, but I have eaten one. Gnawed on it, actually, when I was a mere stripling. I tried eating Dogs for Dummies, but I found its contents hard to swallow.

It is the only one of my master's possessions I have chewed without his permission. He always has been puzzled by that one blemish in an otherwise flawless record.

If humans were as smart as dogs, he would have figured out that I was putting my digestive system at risk just to save his reputation.

I was trying to keep the fact that he is a dummy our little secret, but now I have let the proverbial cat out of the bag - which is where cats belong, by the way.

That is another of our humiliating little secrets, the fact that he consorts with cats. He comes home from his friend's reeking of cat; evidently he lets them crawl into his lap or groom his hair or rub

themselves against his ankle and leave their scent on his trousers.

Sometimes one of them will even lick him, either as a sign of affection or to soften up his flesh for eating, and he comes home with dried cat goober on his wrist. To that I say woof!

All cats ever think about is eating whereas we dogs, who have a more refined sensibility, know that the chase is everything. We would almost

rather chase something than catch it.

I hold cats in absolute contempt; they disgust me.

They don't seem to

like me much either.

Once my master left me in the front seat of his truck for a few moments while he visited his friend. The cat that goobers my master jumped up on the hood and stared and stared and stared at me through the windshield.

What I should have done was come right through the glass at the arrogant wretch, but my master would have been annoyed about the broken windshield and so I just sat and stared right back.



BACK OF BEYOND

The Brown Dog Jiggs

Walking in town should not be an extreme sport

To the Editor:

On Sunday, March 26, a beautiful sunny spring afternoon, I was making a left turn onto McKay Drive when I noticed ahead of me, one of our senior residents from Hyland Crest, also enjoying the beautiful sunny afternoon.

The picture soon changed. On each side of the street both on and off the narrow two traffic lane pavement, were streams of water flowing down the hill and a sea of mud and broken pavement. This lady, with her walker, being faced

with a vehicle coming in each direction could only walk into the mud and ice at either side. There are residents at Hyland Crest who would dearly love to have a sidewalk where they could safely walk on a sunny afternoon. There is not a sidewalk on any street in the subdivision where any of the home owners, their children who walk to the Archie Stouffer Elementary School or the residents of Hyland Crest can walk safely or escape the water splashed from passing vehicles. Don't blame the drivers, they can't escape it either.

This is not a new issue but the only council member who even listens is our present reeve. Personally I feel it is a damn disgrace that our seniors get bypassed and are given so little consideration. Their activities at Hyland Crest are apparently cut back if you listen to the word on the street, we can't even give them a place to walk safely or have their families take them out in their wheel chairs for a change of scenery and some fresh air. Many of these people made strong contributions to this community, they deserve better.

There appears to be much greater concern about some hard working, tax-paying truck driver at the end of the day parking his freshly washed vehicle in his driveway. If one thinks this is unsightly, take a drive and look at a few of the properties along the Main Street from Hwy. 35 to the Scotch Line Rd. I guess it is all a matter of perspective. We will save the common sense item of the six inch water line for another time.

Gordon A. Monk,
Minden

EH! wants bylaw to pass with power

The following letter was first sent to Jim McMahon, reeve of Minden Hills.

Dear Reeve McMahon and Councillors:

Over the past several years, one of the predominant causes of land use conflict in the county has been gravel pits. In the official plan, the township proposed to enact a bylaw to address the conflicting interests of neighbours and gravel pits. The Township of Minden Hills is to be commended on developing the draft bylaw.

The requirement for a site plan and agreement addressing rehabilitation, hours of operation, screening, use of roads, environmental protection is not unusual. Similar conditions exist in the plans and bylaws of the other Haliburton County townships. In all areas south of Haliburton County the Aggregates Resources Act is in force. Pits and quarries licensed under this act, from which Haliburton County is exempt, are expected to adhere to terms and conditions more

stringent than those proposed by Minden Hills.

Since the drafting of the Haliburton County official plan, we have been assured that gravel pits are "mom and pop" operations which have minimal impact and for which regulation is burdensome. It seems that "mom and pop" are aging and retiring. Beamish, Miller and Royal are not small operations. The proposed regulations are normal practice for pit operators in southern Ontario.

The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act is surprisingly clear on the duties of officials. The act prohibits any official with a pecuniary interest in a matter before the council from taking part in the discussion or vote and from attempting to influence voting on the matter.

Environment Haliburton! urges Minden Hills council not only to pass the proposed bylaw but also to enforce it.

Yours sincerely,
Heather Ross, president
Environment Haliburton!

Gelert visitor and American soldier Steven Fleenor has returned home to Virginia safely

To the Editor:

This is an update on our friend Steven Fleenor. Steven, as your readers will remember, comes to the Gelert area with his parents and was serving with the American troops in Iraq.

He came back to Fort Bragg mid-February. I received an e-mail from his father the other day to say that Steven has returned home to Virginia on terminal

leave until the end of March. At this time he will be officially discharged from the forces and will be returning to civilian life.

I wanted everyone to know this happy news especially all the people who wrote to him when he was in Afghanistan three years ago.

Diane Peacock
Lochlin



Striking OPSEU college faculty say the 17-day strike was about class sizes, not pay. Photo by Casey Lessard.

Strike about smaller class sizes, not more pay; says OPSEU member

from page 6

Rather than name calling, your energies might be better used asking the government why it doesn't insist colleges repay students the tuition they lose, and why they don't force colleges to return the substantial grants (taxpayer dollars given to the colleges to deliver education; I don't mean the student loans) for every day the strike lasted. In other disputes, both the employees and the employers lose "pay, customers, profits, etc." but in this dispute, it is students, taxpayers, and teachers who lose, not the people who run the system. So why should they have negotiated? Perhaps if they were losing like everyone else, they would feel an inclination to return to the bargaining table and get this resolved.

The faculty representatives proposed binding arbitration to settle the dispute on March 22, a process in which a third party considers information from both sides and crafts a compromise, which might not give either side everything it wants, but which is fair. College managements refused that offer, proposing instead final offer selection, a process in which a third party simply chooses one side or the other, no room for compromise. Harvard law professor Paul Weiler,

former head of the B.C. Labour Relations Commission, has referred to final offer selection as "the industrial relations equivalent of Russian roulette." Finally, on March 24, college managements agreed to binding arbitration. This entire process should not have taken this long - perhaps not even a strike - and probably wouldn't have if managements had faced the same pressures as students and teachers.

Now an arbitrator will resolve the issues - class size, etc - and will consider things on their merits. Like other teachers, I have confidence this will result in better education. We do not anticipate it will result in a reduced workload for us. But making the same effort on behalf of fewer students to try to match what we were able to give them a few years ago will have positive results. As one student said, "If they think education's expensive now, wait 'til they find out what ignorance costs in the future."

Contrary to your editorial, it was not about salaries. I deeply resent being called 'greedy college staff'.

Bob Smith
Ingoldsby

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Only the public can take a councillor to court over pecuniary interest

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ber of council breaks the rules.

A pecuniary interest is defined simply as a personal financial interest. It must be declared at the beginning of any meeting during which the item of interest will be discussed.

Simply put, if a matter before council could have an impact on the personal financial interests of a member of council, he or she is considered to have a pecuniary interest in that specific matter. In addition, if known to the member of council, a pecuniary interest of a child, parent or spouse (common-law partners also apply), is also an interest of the member, although indirect, and must be declared and treated as a direct pecuniary interest.

A conflict of interest is the placing of that personal financial interest ahead of the councillor's public duty. The fear is that the councillor could act to benefit his interests rather than the public good should the two hinge on competing actions of council.

Pecuniary interests are plentiful, as are the interests of other citizens. And while councillors are required to declare their specific interests, there are exceptions to the rule.

As defined in section four of the act, specifically subsections A and J, a financial interest is "not a pecuniary interest by reason of the member having a pecuniary interest which is an interest in common with electors generally."

For example, although lowering the tax rate would be considered "money in the hand" for councillors (as ratepayers), because it is an interest shared by all ratepayers it is not a pecuniary interest. Likewise, meetings, discussions and votes on public utilities supplied by the municipality, such as Minden's water system, are not pecuniary interests of members of council who may use the utility for the same reasons as above. If all ratepayers (or utility users) have the same interest in council's decision, it is not in fact an interest at all.

The act goes on to say that once an interest is declared by a member of council, he or she "shall not take part in the discussion of, or vote on any question in respect of the matter; and... shall not attempt in any way whether before, during or after the meeting to influence the voting on any such question."

June Wild, an advisor with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for Northumberland, Haliburton and Peterborough, says that while the Act may not define clearly what steps a councillor should take to remove themselves from the discussion, be it leave the table or the room, precedent has been set.

"There is a section in the act that indicates that if you declare an interest you have to remove yourself from any effect

on the proceedings," she says. "But it is not as prescriptive as some people would like. Some people actually do still stay in the room, but there is a lot of case law that would indicate that that is still influencing the proceedings because all your friends on council are voting on something that benefits you."

As for prescriptions, the act does say that where the meeting is closed to the public, in addition to the above requirements, the member with the conflict must leave the meeting or the part of the meeting during which the matter is under consideration. There is no mention as to how a councillor should remove himself from

proceedings that are open to the public.

But regardless, how serious is the act anyway? And how closely must councillors abide by it?

"It is the obligation of every politician to be aware of the act and to declare their interest should they feel they are in conflict," says Wild. "The act is taken very seriously."

In addition, Wild says that it is the public who must take politicians to task over conflicts of interest. It is the public, she says, who must make use of the act and its powers, but she adds, the legal process to do so may deter some people from exercising their right as the electors.

"If you [the elector] feel an elected official is in conflict and you don't feel that they are declaring their interest, then you can apply to court," she says. "It's just whether or not a citizen would go to the lengths of actually applying to a judge. A lot of people don't realize the onus for these things lies at the citizen level."

Any application made to a judge will rely almost exclusively on documented evidence such as meeting minutes.

Conflict cases are tried in a divisional court, a level of the provincial court system that is generally accessible to the public, such as a county court.

Should a judge, at the behest of an appeal by an elector, find an elected official to be in conflict and thus having contravened the act, the legal repercussions and penalties are severe.

Firstly, if the councillor's actions are deemed by a judge to be deliberate, the official's seat must be declared vacant, in addition to a possible ban from participation in municipal politics for a maximum of seven years.

Also, the act states that if an elected official's deliberate actions in conflict of their pecuniary interests resulted in personal financial gains for the council member, the judge can order the councillor to pay restitution to the party suffering financial loss, or to the municipality.

For more information, call the Eastern Municipal Services Office in Kingston toll-free at 1-800-267-9438 or access the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act at http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Statutes/English/90m50_e.htm.

Galway denies severance over potential conflict with quarry

by ROBERT HUGHES
Special to The Times

Provincial regulations, compassion for the future purchasers of undeveloped lands and protection of the "level playing field" rights of the mineral aggregate industry compelled Galway-Cavendish and Harvey council to deny a severance application for a Galway-area land holding at its March 21st meeting.

On the table was a request to split a single property along County Road 49 south of Kinmount into three or more residential lots. Complicating the issue is a quarry planned on the abutting lands, which are zoned for aggregate resource extraction.

Stepping into the picture was Ontario Policy Statement which, since its passage on March 1, 2005, has stated that, "Mineral Aggregate Resources shall be protected for long-term use." The setback separating quarries and habitation areas is also set at 500 metres, or 1,640 feet.

In the Kinmount case, Reeve Tom

Flynn said, there is a need to protect future owners of the newly-created parcels. Council agreed that it was better to deny the severance than have the new property owners wake up one morning to learn that their new neighbour was a significant-sized, full-blown quarrying operation. Councillor-at-Large and area resident Don LaCombe also said that the property's fractured topography would make it very inferior for such a development.

As well, councillors noted, the quarry project had already been publicly announced. In their opinion, it had precedence and should not have its future compromised by having the provincial legislation applied to the benefit of the developer.

Considering the expectation of more quarry developments in GCH, and the consequent potential for more municipal decisions which affect areas where industry and habitation are neighbours, council concluded that this decision should ensure there is a "level playing field" for all concerned parties.

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Sun, sea and laughter: that's life in Argentina

by AMANDA LYTLE
Haliburton Rotary Exchange Student

HALIBURTON COUNTY! It's hard to believe that the 21st of March is seven months in Argentina for me – well over the halfway point of my Rotary exchange, and too close to the ending point.

I know it's going to be so hard to leave. The only things bringing me home are my family, friends, and the contract I signed saying that I would return! Oh, and driving. Man, do I miss that, along with Kraft Dinner and Double Stuffed Oreos.

On January 15 I switched host families. That was a weird day. Pulling my bags down the hall and into the truck made me realize how fast time is going. It also made me realize how much I love these people and how much they love me. We all had tears in our eyes. It's hard, but it's all a part of the experience.

So I left the Bolados and a German girl named Laura moved into my spot. Too bad she didn't fit in quite like I did. Instead, there were tons of problems, one being her fear of the dog, Baxter – the same one that bit me on my second day here. The Bolados were forced to take the dog to a kennel to make Laura stop crying. The dog, who was like a baby to the Bolados, was gone for a week. They loved that dog like no other, and he loved them, too. Needless to say, it was devastating when he arrived back home and his heart stopped due to over-excitement.

With my new host family I have the privilege of coming and going as I please, within reason, as long as they know where I am going and who I am with. But, I'll tell you, walking home with Ellen, the other Canadian exchange student in this city, at 7 a.m. was a pretty neat feeling! Sun is up, people going to work, then we walk into my house and we see my host Dad eating breakfast! He took Ellen home. He smiled and winked, and told me he'd see me at lunch time. He's a really neat dad.

My new host family consists of a mom and dad, Susana and Tobi Carminatti, and a brother and sister, Francisco (14) and Lucila (11). There is a 17-year-old named Guido in Durango, Colorado right now. I love this family so much, and have been having an incredible and fun-filled time with them.

Within days of the family switch, Guido was in a skiing accident: a fat skier flew down the hill and smoked him. The skier's pole went up and under Guido's ribcage, rupturing his spleen. I was happy to be in the middle of the communication between the hospital and my host parents, as I knew I was helping with the dilemma. Within another three days, Susana was on a plane to the United States for 21 days. During the time that Susana was in Colorado, my host dad took Lucila, Francisco, Elise, (their previous host daughter) and me to Villa Gesell, a beautiful city along the ocean. He stayed for a total of



Whether it's riding a horse on the top of a volcano or swimming with friends, Amanda Lytle is packing a lot into her year on exchange in Argentina.

three days of the 12 we were there as he had to work. The four of us stayed in a rental house, along with Susana's sister and her boyfriend, and Susana's niece and nephew, as well as another family of four. It was a full house of twelve. It was a two-storey apartment only two blocks from the ocean. We rented a tent on the beach and within 200 feet was the beautiful ocean with rolling waves and white caps which made it a blast to swim and jump in. We spent time every day in the water

with the exception of two days of poor weather. Also very close to the tent was a Licuado stand – fruit smoothies! Every day at the beach we all had one; banana with milk and sugar for me, although you could basically have any fruit you desired.

During our stay in Villa Gesell, we went to the centre several times, shopped, ate almost too many ham and cheese sandwiches and played tons of cards, including the ultimate before-bed game, Spoons. One person is eliminated each round and has to hit the hay! I became so close with my brother and sister, and we have so many jokes between us that keep us laughing non-stop, forever.

Being at the beach also gave us all some colour. I think I am the most tanned I have ever been in my life. But like all tans, it is fading as we move into fall and winter here. I still have my trenza, though. A trenza is a long strand of braided hair that you can have put in your hair with beads and hemp. They are very common at the beach, and I now have a long brown one with blue beads hanging from the back of my head where my hairline meets my neck. I like it, and it doesn't bother me in the least. Apparently it stays for a year! Well, I am counting how long it's there, and maybe you'll all get to see it at some point.

Elise, my host family's previous exchange daughter, and I went out in Villa Gesell one night, and had a blast, returning around 6 a.m., going to bed, and then hitting the beach in the afternoon! What a life.

Also during my time in Gesell, when my host dad Tobi came for a night when he wasn't working, he brought me a package that I'd received from home. What a nice surprise. I love packages from home. A big thanks to the office staff at Hal High for their little notes on the calendar. I miss you all too!

This package had a *Cosmo* magazine, chocolate, double stuffed Oreos, peanut brittle, tons of instant oatmeal, little things to make me smile, (always full of love from my Mom – *I love you Mom!*) and a two-hour home video. So much time and effort was put into it to make me smile and it did, along with a few tears! Thank you all.

With LOVE, from the Happiest Person
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When she's not spending the year on exchange in Argentina, Amanda Lytle lives with her family on Horseshoe Lake. If you want to read more about her adventures, this long, long (!!) letter home is continued in next week's Haliburton County Echo.

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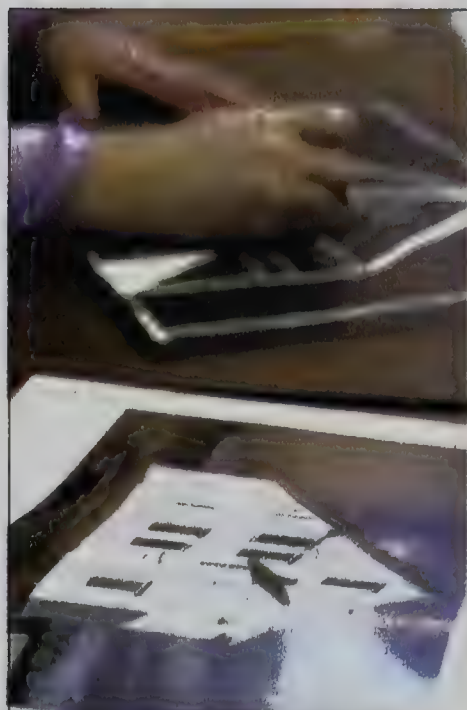
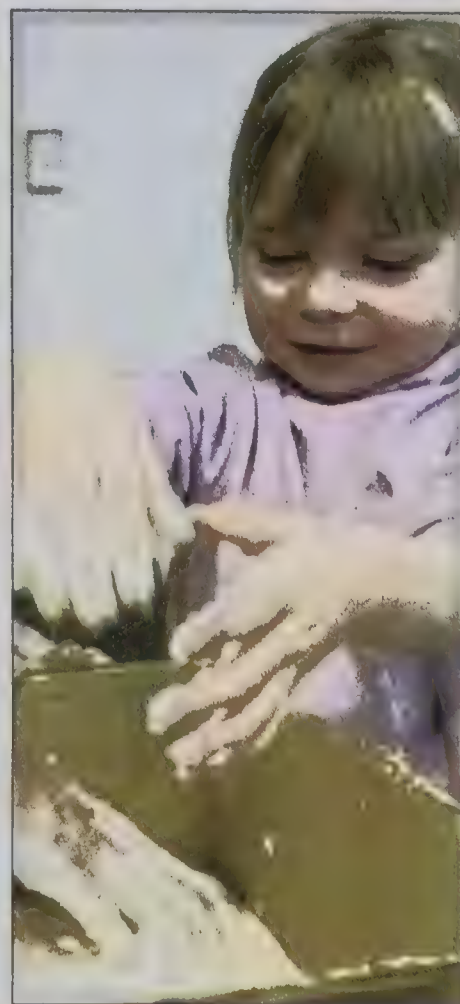
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Top: Tyler Gilligan, 12, of Minden, copies a photograph using her new skill, scratch art, learned during a March Break workshop at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Top left: Emily Parish, 5, of Minden gets her hands dirty spreading plaster of Paris to simulate a footprint on the moon in the Let's Make Planets workshop. Right: Brittany Hewitt, 7, of Minden, throws a baseball to make a crater.

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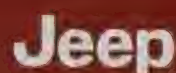
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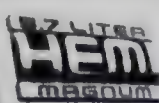
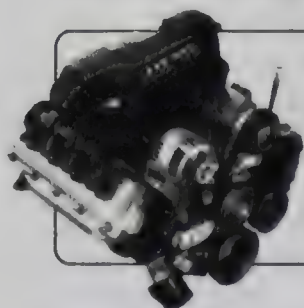
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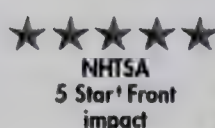
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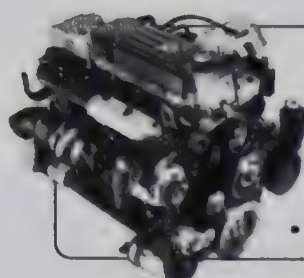
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Just like the pros, the Highland Storm Atom A team threw off their equipment in celebration after winning the provincial championship. Winning their third of five games in

Haliburton on Saturday, the Storm defeated the Dresden Jr. Kings by 6-3 on Friday and 9-1 on Saturday to clinch the title. Photo Bryn Weese.

Atoms all-Ontario champs

Highland Storm waxes Dresden Jr. Kings 9-1 at home to claim all the marbles

by WADE MACINNES
Special to the Times

With a flurry of goals in game four and with an enthusiastic capacity crowd of hometown fans cheering them on, the Atom Storm clinched the all-Ontario CC championship in a convincing 9-1 waxing of the Dresden Jr. Kings on Saturday. After getting the split in Dresden the previous weekend, the Storm Atoms, sponsored by M.W. Hunter Ltd. and Bancroft Market Place Storm, had to win two of three at home to clinch the National Sports "just add ice" Cup.

Friday night in Haliburton, game three of the series was kicked off by some great local talent in the opening ceremonies. Local Storm executive member and bagpipe specialist Brian Sachs piped the precession out to centre ice. The bagpipes put a proud lump in Highlanders' throats and a tear in their eye.

After both teams were individually introduced by name onto the ice, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey welcomed the Dresden team and fans to our beautiful county and wished both teams the best of luck. Then the two team captains were summoned to the face-off circle where hometown hockey hero, ex-NHLer Ron Stackhouse, delivered the ceremonial puck drop to a loud, excited crowd.

The national anthem was sung by Haliburton's own Grade 6 student Lauren Snelgrove who, like an angel, had the whole arena teared up on her beautiful rendition of *O Canada*. A big thank you to everyone who participated.

The game saw the hometown boys open

up a 4-1 lead midway through the second period but with one second remaining on the clock the Jr. Kings scored, closing the gap to 4-2.

Ten seconds into the third the Jr. Kings stunned the Haliburton crowd by notching their third tally. Feeling the heat the Storm gang once again dug deep and scored a

pair late in the third to take game three 6-3.

Returning some great hospitality from the Dresden people the previous weekend, the Storm Atom team bought the Jr. Kings lunch at McKecks Saturday where Karen Frybort and her staff did an excellent job with a pre-game meal. After lunch the Jr.

Kings took a boo from Skyline Park and were in awe because their landscape around Dresden is a flat as a pancake.

Just prior to game four Bernie Upton and his zone champion Storm Novice team were brought out onto the ice for congratulations on their excellent season.

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Despite the 9-1 score, the Highland Storm had to work hard for their victory over the Dresden Jr. Kings on Saturday. Dresden's talented captain, a fast and towering defenseman, was an especially hard opponent to stop, with or without the puck. Above, it wasn't hard to smile for the camera in a post-win team photo.



There were nine reasons for the Storm to celebrate on Saturday after crushing the Dresden Jr. Kings in a score of 9 - 1 on Saturday, securing the Storm the all-Ontario Atom A championship. This goal, the Storm's first, came mid-way through the first period. Photos, Bryn Weese.



The Highland Storm clinched the "Just add ice" atom CC provincial championship on Saturday with a 9 - 1 victory over the Dresden Jr. Kings. In addition to the goals, the Storm maintained their dominance with physical play and good defensive puck control in their own end.



Jacob "The Grinder" Harrison played a physical game that helped his team win the all-Ontario Atom A championship. A 9 - 1 stomping of the Dresden Jr. Kings on Saturday clinched the title for the Storm.

First all-Ontario title could mean great years to come

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In a pre-game storm Atom meeting coaches Dean Chaulk, Jeff Howe, John Ballantyne and Barry Boice reiterated to the boys the special opportunity that their team was facing and how seizing that opportunity with all their efforts could result in a championship for the Highlands. Most minor hockey players never get this chance. Like a sponge the Storm Atoms sucked up the advice and came out like a house on fire dominating the Jr. Kings in every aspect of the game. As the fans and the OMHA brass looked on, the Highland Storm Atom rep team players showed exactly what they were made of in the 9-1 championship clinching victory.

As the Storm players took a victory lap with the cup, then drank Kool-aid from it in the dressing room, I realized that for

Mitch Byers, Zach Boice, Mike Nelson, Drew Hewitt, Ben Hicks, Tanner Ballantyne, Tanner Hamilton, Nick Hunter, Doni MacInnes, Jordan Howe, Kris Calvet, Stew Chaulk, Taylor Rowbotham, Jacob Harrisons and our "ap" players Tyler Barry, Jordan Hamilton and Jake Sisson this was their Stanley Cup. Hats go off to the Dresden team and their fans for being good sports and classy role models for minor hockey. During the playoff run the Storm Atom reps had 12 wins with three losses, outscoring their opponents 87-34 in just 15 games (wicked numbers).

In the fifth season of amalgamation the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association has its first OMHA all-Ontario championship. If this special group of hockey players stays and plays together they will thrill hometown fans for years to

come. The Storm Atom players and parents would like to thank head coach Dean Chaulk for his coaching philosophy of using all his players during the season and playoffs solidifying the total team effort. Some local minor hockey teams in the past have bowed out early in the playdowns when coaches have chosen to try to win by playing the top 10 kids on the team.

The Storm Atoms would also like to thank the other coaches, the parents, the grandparents, all the people and businesses that donated to their team: Nancy Hunter for her excellent program work, 50-50 girls Janine and Julie, the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association for the pin and puck gifts for Dresden, the Haliburton Echo, Minden Times, the Moose and Canoe radio stations for their reports, the arena staffs and snack bar people, the gatekeepers, timekeepers, ref-

erees and music girls Jade MacInnes and Victoria Chaulk.

Back on October 18th 2005 in an Echo Atom article it was quoted: "come next March it is hoped they will be duking it out with some farm boys down around London Ontario for all the marbles." It is great when a team plan comes together and you win all the marbles.

In closing I would like to thank the team for letting me be a part of this magical minor hockey team. The parents of this team make the minor hockey experience a whole lot of fun. This rubs off on the players and has created one big happy family which I am proud to be a part of.

P.S. To the people in the Halbiem area, our team apologizes for the post-game party saturday night and a great big thanks to Lyle Stamp for the pizza and Carl Rowbotham for the refreshments.



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Circus or bonspiel?



Everything was coming up daisies for bonspieler Cheryl Murdoch.

Sweep into Spring was (almost) all about fun

by **BRYN WEESE**
Times staff

Looking a bit like the backstage of a circus, the Minden Curling Club was transformed over the weekend into the annual costume-ball, frat-party, "Sweep into Spring" women's curling bonspiel that was as much for fun as for competition.

While many of the 24 teams who participated, coming from as far away as Barrie, Port Perry and beyond, dressed up in silly costumes for the occasion (as did Minden Hills Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch and the Minden Hills Mafia plus one), the winning team from Haliburton chose more traditional curling attire.



This year's Sweep into Spring winning team members are, from left to right, skip Kim Lewis, vice Sheila Stackhouse, second Jane Jaycock and lead Laraine Forgrave. Photo: Bryn Weese.

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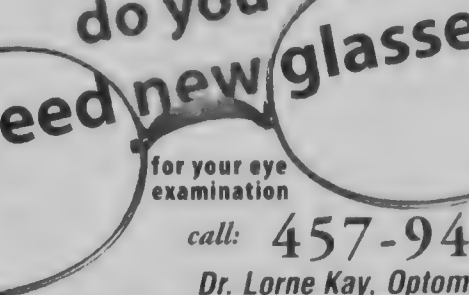
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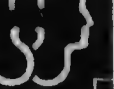
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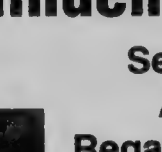
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High Single: Chris Hill 286; Tina Hadley 263

High Single HC: Chris Hill 316; Tina Hadley 309

High Triple: Chris Hill 709; Tina Hadley 656

High Triple HC: Chris Hill 799; Tina Hadley 794

Tuesday Night, March 21

High Average: Ken Thompson 215; Marlene Robinson 196

High Single: Ken Thompson 264; Clara Miscio 228

High Singe HC: Jim Jackson 273;

Clara Miscio 272

High Triple: Ken Thompson 732; Clara Miscio 614

High Triple HC: Dan Harding 766;
Clara Miscio 758

Wednesday Afternoon, March 22

High Average: Ken Thompson 213;
Carol Snow 172

High Single: Don Nickell 253; Marie Thompson 258

High Single HC: Don Nickell 300;
Marie Thompson 303

High Triple: Ken Thompson 663;

Marie Thompson 631

High Triple HC: John Whitty 716;
Marie Thompson 766

Thursday Afternoon, March 23

High Average: Ken Thompson 217;
Josie Cheesman 169

High Single: Ken Thompson 278;
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Minden curlers fourth in Ontario Winter Games

by RUSS DUHAIME
Special to The Times

The Minden Bantam boys were in peak form when they faced off against the province's best at the Ontario Winter Games in Collingwood.

Edward Cyr's rink executed well to earn a fourth place finish in this outstanding competition. Although they finished the round-robin play with a disappointing record of two wins and three losses, they felt good about the competition. Each of the games was won or lost by just one or two points.

In addition to the curling, they boys had the opportunity to mix and mingle with more than 2,000 athletes from the 22 sports in this elite-level competition. The opening ceremonies were held outdoors at the base of the Blue Mountain ski hill.

The team of Cyr, Connor Duhaime, Kyle Thompson and Rob Collins would like to thank their sponsors. The Minden Rotary Club, TD Canada Trust, Floyd Hall Insurance and the Minden Curling Club provided the funding that made it possible for the team to attend the Winter Games.

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You can participate and support hospice by collecting pledges, and then hiking the Head Lake Trail (about 6 km) or the Sculpture Forest Trail (about 1 km). It's a great opportunity to build workplace spirit by getting active together! Gather a group of friends, colleagues, family members and sign up as a team of up to 10. All of funds raised will stay in this community to support hospice.

Hike registration starts at 12:30 p.m. on May 7 at Fleming College in Haliburton. The hike starts at 1:30 p.m. For pledge sheets, please contact Marilyn Rydberg, Hike Coordinator at 457-1742 ext. 42.



Connor Duhaime, Rob Collins, Kyle Thompson and Ed Cyr, with assistant coach Jim Maddin travelled to Blue Mountain to compete in the Ontario Winter Games. They had a strong finish, winning or losing by only one or two points.



The Township of Minden Hills is accepting tenders for the sale of the surplus equipment listed below.

Tenders must be received by the Township office at 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 by 12:00 noon on April 7, 2006.

Envelopes must be clearly marked "Tractor Tender"

1. 1991 John Deere Tractor 755 (needs motor) some attachments included.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND TENDERS

The TRILLIUM LAKELANDS DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD invites interested Contractors to submit Proposals and Stipulated Prices for any or all of the Projects in the District of Muskoka and the County of Haliburton listed below.

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7. Install Ceramic Flooring	Dwight, Haliburton, Bracebridge, Gravenhurst
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10. Replace Carpet	Various
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TENDERS

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Contact person - Craig Young, P.Eng., Senior Manager of Plant;

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Proposals and Prices shall be delivered in a sealed envelope to the attention of:

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Trillium Lakelands District School Board
Cedar Lane Central Services Facility,
1281 Cedar Lane,
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Tenders and Proposals close at various dates and times as outlined in the Documents.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all submissions at its sole discretion.

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Organ reveals old treasures



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Like so many of us, the roltop electronic organ at our Kinmount United Church developed a chronic winter wheeze. Imagine the surprise when the back was removed to expose a number of treasures not the least of which was a copy of the *The Canadian Countryman*, a weekly newspaper published in Toronto, dated November 1, 1913. Twenty-four pages in length, full of articles and advertising of interest to rural readers it seemed a bargain at five cents per copy or \$1.50 per year mailed anywhere in Canada. The black and white cover photo of Holsteins being milked by *The Eight-Handed Hired Man* attests to the value of the milking machine while page 15 offers simple recipes that will "help the housewife to solve a vexing problem" - what to make for supper. A full back ad page displays the 1914 line of Maxwell motor cars with prices ranging from \$2,700 down to \$1,025 for the economical Model 25-4 which still includes even at that price a tire holder, windshield, top and Jiffy curtains. Hopefully time will permit a much more careful read.

Branch 441 Legion Kinmount is holding an Easter Bingo on Friday, April 7 at 6:45 p.m. with lots of turkeys, hams, cash prizes, specials and jackpot. In appreciation of its players the Legion will provide

a complimentary snack during the break.

The Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park Committee wishes to thank everyone who supported its successful spring bazaar especially those businesses and individuals who donated prizes and baked goods. The committee's next fundraising event will be on Saturday, April 22 with a spaghetti dinner and loonie auction starting at 5 p.m. at the Kinmount Community Centre. In addition there will also be a silent auction and country raffle and donations of prizes including items, gift certificates and services would be most welcomed by the committee. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased in advance. For tickets or to donate prizes please call Lynn at 488-2919 or drop by Kim and Tim's Cafe or the Timbr Mart, Main Street, Kinmount.

Circle Tuesday, April 11 on your spring calendar for the survival gardening program at the Kinmount Library with Peter Goodchild of Summerhill Farm located on County Road 503 near Irontdale. Peter will speak starting at 7 p.m. with a focus on vegetables using techniques requiring less water, less land, fewer tools and reliance on chemicals.

Planning is well underway for the popular Music in the Park series held every Thursday evening through July and

August in the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park, Kinmount. Interested musicians should contact Diane at 488-2635 regarding more information and bookings still available. Appreciation is extended to the Kinmount and District Lions Club which will be providing some welcome sponsorship support for this 2006 season.

Now for the scoring news with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

March 21 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: With an impressive 417 points Paul Poulton and Belle Walker took first place with George Hamilton and Laura Carnegie second at 391 and Flo Roussel partnered with Bob Clarke third at 349. The afternoon's low of 119 was recorded by Jean Clarke and Colleen Davison.

March 21 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Elva Paisley led the high scores at 347 then Kevin Maloney 318 and Sam Gaudet 288. Moonshots went to Rose Isaacson, Trudy and Len Kroes, Pat Scadden and Thelma Francis while Elli Langpohl, Isobel Cherwenka, Albert Foster and Helen Henderson held

the hidden scores.

March 21 euchre at Gelert Community Centre: High and low scores were family affairs with Emily and Harold Harvie taking ladies/men's highs and Gene and Gala Newell the lows. Lorna Hicks won for lone hands and Theresa Deak took the draw.

March 21 contract bridge at Stanhope: Taking top honours was Harold Cox 6450 followed by Muriel McIntosh 5900, Dorothy Strype 5690 and Ross Fletcher 5460. Lita Peirol was the lucky draw winner, Liv Andersen received the Shiny Penny and Harold Cox was rewarded with the C.O.C.S.A. Award as the Crafty Old Codger Strikes Again.

March 22 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell method Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf were first at 58% with Margo Davidson and Muriel McIntosh a close second at 57% and Elva Robinson partnered with Joan Galley third at 50%.

March 22 bid euchre at Stanhope: An even dozen moonshots rained down on Helen Henderson, Marj Hamilton, Dick Coffey, Marj Coffey, Rob Evans, Sharon Evans, Jack Cox, Lottie Ruttan, Chris Clarke and Don Burch along with Mary and Tom Pearson. Pearl Cowen topped the pinks at 272 with Mary Pearson 255 second and Gala Stamp 252 third. First for the whites was Jack Cox 278 then Tom Pearson 274 with Christine Fleming and Bill Milford tied for third at 265.

March 22 Kinmount Seniors euchre at Kinmount Legion: Once again the Harvie family

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Mary led the pinks

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took home the prizes with Emily and Harold recording the high scores and Emily also winning the draw. Mildred St. Thomas was low lady and held the most lone hands while Roger Fournier was low man.

March 23 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Verna McDonald and Bob Pollard with Pearl Cowen and Jim Bradbury taking the high scores. Olive Daniels and Don Burch had the lows while Shirley Kuni, Lorna Hicks, John Mallon, Murray Daniels and Bob Pollard won the other prizes.

March 24 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: In North/South it was Norma Crewson and Stella McMillan in first at 65% then Mayme Douglas and Muriel McIntosh next at 58%. Over in East/West Joan Galley and Diana Spicer tied for top spot at 53% with Ev Morgan and Grace Boice.

March 24 bid euchre at Club 35: Single moonshots went to Betty Wagar, Dick Coffey and Cliff Davison while Garth Windsor took two. Our reporter Mary Pearson led the pinks at 298 then Marnie Butler 298 and Betty Wagar 271. For the whites Cliff Davison was high at 282, George Bye second at 263 and Percy Butler 252 third with Pearl Cowen holding the hidden score.

March 25 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Moonshots went to Theresa Deak, Marcel Roussel, Pat Bailey, Isobel Cherwenka, Jean Scadden and Don Burch with Dorothy McElwain, Maria Tschida and Verna McDonald winning the draws. At 218 Theresa Deak topped the pinks with Isobel

Cherwenka a close second at 217 and Elva Paisley 211 third. For the whites Marcel Roussel was first at 264 then Pat Scadden 252 second and Don Burch 242 third.

March 27 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: In the lone hands column it was Laura Carnegie and Mabel Deacon with Jeanne Kelcie holding the hidden score. High scores were recorded by Verna McDonald and Lorne Dinesen while Pearl Cowen and Lorna Hicks took the afternoon's lows. The draws went to Priscilla Downs and Verna McDonald.

March 27 euchre at Club 35: Robert McIvor won for lone hands with Jean Randell awarded the baloney. High scores ladies/men went to Pearl Kernohan and Tom Pearson with the lows going to Kay Morrison and Harry Randell. Special prizes were awarded (again) to Ivan Kernohan and Helen Windsor.

March 27 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Diane Peacock, for lone hands Don Jemmet, for low hands Gala Stamp and for the special draw Pearl Cowen.

March 27 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: In first was Eileen Shepstone at 285 with Marjorie Paradis second high at 273. Moonshots went to Eileen Shepstone and our reporter Theresa Deak while Mildred St. Thomas won the draw.

March 27 cribbage at Minden Legion: Lois and Syd Adamson came first and second with Gwen Cox placing third. Draw winners were Edith Burch, our reporter Elva Paisley, Syd Adamson and Gwen Cox.

New romance novel launched on Earth Day



STANHOPE LIFE

Pauline Johnson

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Spring is in the air and young people's fancies turn to love.

Thus it's a fitting time to launch a new romantic novel. Jen Sharp's first romance *Sheguindah Bay* will be launched on Saturday, April 22 at the Earth Day Celebration at The Gaia Centre. It is inspired by the beauty of Manitoulin Island and is a celebration of our love of the summer season. It speaks strongly of Earth's power to inspire the healing of winter's wounds through love. The event will take place from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Following the launch, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and continuing the Earth Day Celebration, is the writing contest, *Lessons I Learned from My Mother Earth*. There are two categories in the contest: prose (length 250 words) and poetry. Please submit entries in triplicate. Writers will be asked to read their pieces as part of the afternoon's events.

Judges will include publisher-editor Paul Irwin and author Jen Sharp. Send submissions to Gaia Centre, 1032 Cameron Lane, RR1 Haliburton, ON. K0M 1S0.

You may also bring them to the event on April 22. Winners will receive prizes and be published on The Gaia Centre website.

Don't forget to reserve your tickets for the arts event of the year, An Evening of Words, Music, Art and Wine. Haliburton and Muskoka's artists will be displaying their treasures, musicians will entertain with their latest creations, writers will enchant the audience, transporting them to other realms, culinary treats will be for sale and so much more. The event has grown in two years so that it sold out last year at 100 tickets.

With no more room to expand this year, it's important to get tickets early or be disappointed: Maple Moon Winery and Muskoka Lakes Winery will treat guests to wine tasting, and a bar with other beverages will be available. The event takes place on Friday, April 21 beginning at 6:30 p.m. It is organized by Tiina Heathcock and Melissa Alfano. Call 705-766-9968 or e-mail drc@vianet.on.ca to arrange for tickets. They're a bargain at \$6 each.

To submit any item of interest to this regular weekly column, please e-mail bpjohnson@sympatico.ca or call (705) 489-3878.

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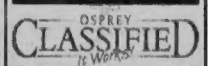
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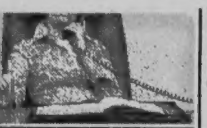
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General Employment

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Community Care Haliburton County - is accepting applications for Office Assistant. Student must qualify under the HRSDC SCP 2006 program, flexible 35 hours per week. \$8.75/ hr. Job description is available at our office. Please send resume and covering letter by 4pm April 21 to: Donna MacDonald, Executive Director, Community Care Haliburton County, box 956 Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0. Only those on the short list will be interviewed. (Note: This position is available subject to our receiving funding.)



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The Haliburton County Echo is currently seeking a Production Manager

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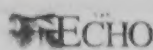
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 - Be highly analytical, logical and organized.
 - Have a proven record of project management and enjoy seeing things through from concept to completion.

Preference will be given to applicants who have previous supervisory experience. The *Haliburton Echo*, *Minden Times* and *Bancroft This Week* are all members of the Osprey Media LP which offers competitive compensation and benefits, ongoing training and career development opportunities.

We would like to thank all applicants for their interest in his position; however, only those who are considered for an interview will be contacted.

Please apply in writing or via email no later than Friday, April 7th, 2006 to:

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MINDEN ONTARIO

• **Now until Apr. 27:** NEW - Ontario Early Years Family Math Nights is a 6 session program offering a light supper followed by many FUN early learning math activities. Parents with children ages 4 to 6 years will watch their children become excited about math and leave wishing math was this fun when they were a child! The program will take place at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden from Mar. 23 to Apr. 27 from 5-7 p.m. Must register ahead of time as space is limited to 12 families. Call to register at 286-1770 by Mar. 20., 2006.

• **Mar. 29 to May 31:** A 10 week Family Education Program is available Free to family members and caregivers of someone with a mental illness. We will meet at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Wed., evenings from 6:30 to 9 p.m. from Mar. 29 through to May 31. Please call 888-454-8874 or e-mail fc@nexicom.net A.S.A.P. for more information and/or to register. An ongoing monthly support group is also being arranged, indicate our interest in this opportunity when you call.

• **Mar. 30:** R.C.L. Branch 129 Haliburton Ladies Auxiliary will hold their General Meeting at 1 p.m. There will be a guest speaker. Members please try to attend.

• **Mar. 30:** Haliburton County Vet Services - Annual Meeting, Thurs., Mar. 30th, 7 p.m. at the Minden Arena.

• **Mar. 30:** Learn how to read food labels by attending Free Label reading workshop lead by Registered Dietitian Rosie Kadwell at 10:30 a.m. For more information or to sign up call 457-1391 x 245.

• **Mar. 31:** St. George's Anglican Church - My walk with God in Africa by Evelyn Beeby, Fri., Mar. 31 at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments. Free will offering.

• **Mar. 31 & Apr. 1:** Fabric Sale! Victoria's Quilts is holding a fabric sale as a fundraiser. Top quality cottons at an affordable price. Fri., Mar. 31, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sat., Apr. 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., upstairs at Loblaws in Lindsay. You won't want to miss this sale.

• **Mar. 31 to Apr. 11:** 'Disastrously Creative' - Exhibit by the HHSS Portfolio Class at the Rails End Gallery. The opening reception for this show, with the artists in attendance will be Sat., Apr. 1st from 1-3 p.m.

• **Apr. 1:** Maplefest "All you can eat" - Pancake/Sausage brunch and bake sale, Sat., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lochlin United Church, Lochlin Road off County Road 1 (Gelert Road). The best deal in town! Real Haliburton Maple Syrup, of course.

• **Apr. 2:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Subway Development.

• **Apr. 4:** Ontario Early Years Minden - Family Supper Night is taking place for families with children 0-6 years. While enjoying a nutritious meal with your child and other families join us for Kids in the Kitchen. Gain fun and easy recipe ideas to do with your children that follow the Canada's Food Guide for children. Please call to register by Monday, April 3 at 286-1770.

• **Apr. 4:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton - Infant Massage Workshop. Monica Larade, Registered Massage Therapist will be at our centre to help parents discover the joys and benefits of infant massage. Learn proper techniques through hands-on demonstration and practice with your infant. Tues., April 4 at 10-11 a.m. at the Haliburton Early Years Centre. Please register with Stephanie or Wendy at 457-2989.

• **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. Call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.

• **Attention All Dads:** Have an adventure with your child this Saturday and visit the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton. Fathers who drop by enjoy building castles in the construction zone and creating masterpieces in the art room. We are open Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info please call 457-2989.

• **Do you like to sing?** No experience necessary. Outloud Womyn's voices invites all women to join them every Tuesday at 6 p.m. Meetings held at the Zion United Church in Carnarvon. For further information, call Beth at 754-9558.

• **Wednesdays - Aquasize classes** have now begun. Community Care still has spots open for the Wednesday classes. Enjoy low impact exercises in the water. Classes are one hour in length and take place at the Wigamog Inn. Call Ida for more information 457-2941.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.



Family Services of Haliburton County is seeking students to fill the following summer positions:

• Male and Female Summer Recreation Workers

To work one-on-one with children with special needs at local camps and in community settings. Experience working with children and a background in sports and recreation (fishing, hiking, swimming, crafts, etc.) would be helpful. Vehicle required. Valid First Aid & CPR certificate required.

• Day Camp Coordinator - Available to college/university students with background in Recreation, ECE or Social Services

An individual who will administer all preliminary and ongoing planning of camp program - including finding and securing camp locations, advertising camp program, processing registration, designing the camp format and staff schedule, creating forms, flyers and letters of correspondence to parents, etc., supervising staff and overseeing the implementation of all camp activities.

Vehicle required. Valid First Aid & CPR certificate required.

• Male and Female Day Camp Counsellor

Must show enthusiasm and ability to work under the direction of a supervisor and be a "team player." Experience working with children and a background in sports and recreation (swimming, hiking, crafts, etc.) would be helpful. Bronze Cross swimming certificates an asset.

Valid First Aid & CPR certificate required.

• Assistant Resource Consultant

Available to college/university students with background in ECE, Social Services, Psychology or Recreation. This individual will have experience working with children with special needs, understand and be able to assess child development in all skill areas, and be able to work as a team with parents and professionals involved in the care of a child.

Vehicle required. Valid First Aid & CPR certificate required.

Please forward resume to Hiring Committee, Family Services of Haliburton County, P.O. Box 1306, Haliburton, and K0M 1S0 or fax (705) 457-3492 or e-mail fshc@familyserviceshaliburton.ca by April 10th, 2006. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Coming Events

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THE HALIBURTON COUNTY FOLK SOCIETY 2006 CONCERT SERIES

Saturday, April 22, 2006 - 8pm.
Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.
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Tickets \$20 (HCFS members \$18, students \$15). Available at York Street Internet Cafe, Haliburton, and Golden Stationers, Minden.
For info call 705-457-3655 or email hcsociety@gmail.com.
Coming up - David Francey - May 31.

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9am - 4pm Saturday and Sunday
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Announcements

Thank You Cards

MACKENZIE, Keith - Words alone can never express our gratitude for the love and support shown to us in the past few weeks. Our heartfelt thanks to all who reached out to us in thought, prayer or acts of kindness. You were able to understand what we needed, when we did not know ourselves. We also thank those who sent flowers or donations in Keith's memory. You will always be remembered. Please know that you have all touched us deeply, and have given us much needed strength at this very sad time. We feel truly blessed to be a part of this caring community.

- Carol, Ron and Ian MacKenzie

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In memoriam

STATA, Lois and Glen - In loving memory of a special Mom, Dad, Sister, Grandparents, Aunt and Uncle. Lois - March 16, 2005. Glen - March 30, 2005.

We do not need a special day,
To bring you to our minds,
For days we do not think of you,
Are pretty hard to find.
Sometimes it's something so special,
Most times it's something small,
That we just want to share with you,
If we could drop by or call.
You did so many things for us,
Your heart was kind and true,
And when we needed someone,
We could always count on you.
The special times will not return,
When we were all together,
But with the love that's in our hearts,
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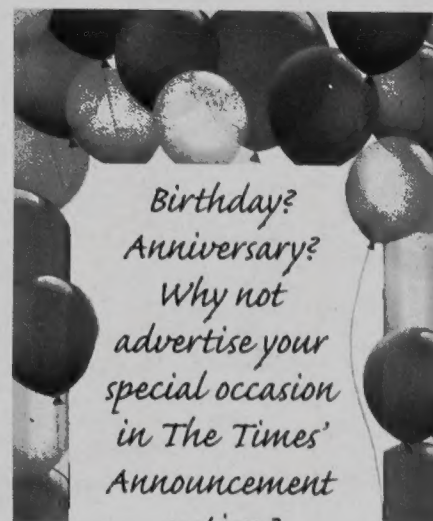
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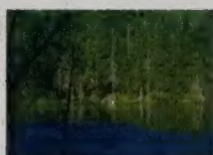
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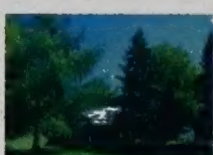
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